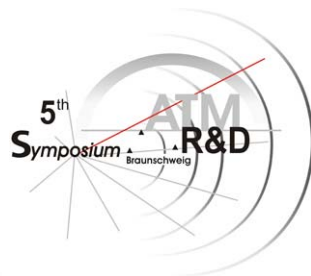


Virtual Tower

Norbert Fürstenau

Michael Rudolph, Markus Schmidt, Bernd Werther



Airport – Bottleneck or Booster for Future ATM

11.–13. Oct. 2005

DLR-Institute of Flight Guidance, Braunschweig, Germany

Tower Control Problems:

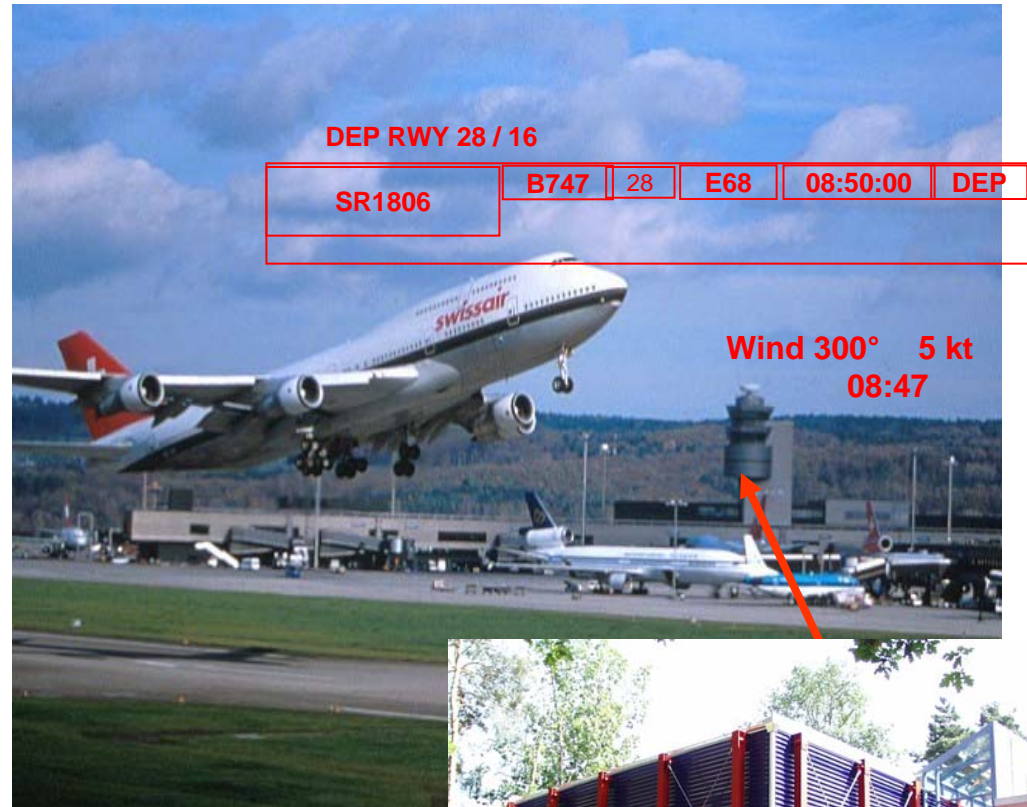
Human Computer Interaction:

situation awareness
/ head down times under
increasing traffic

Cost... of Tower Building; ... of
Operator staff for small airports

Safety: Airport - Safety
Management System with Replay

Capacity: Weather Dependence



Solution:

**Sensor Based (Windowless) Control Center
with Augmented Vision Video Panorama**



Advanced Control Center
Simulator (ACCES)



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Work Analysis & Modeling

RTO Experimental Testbed



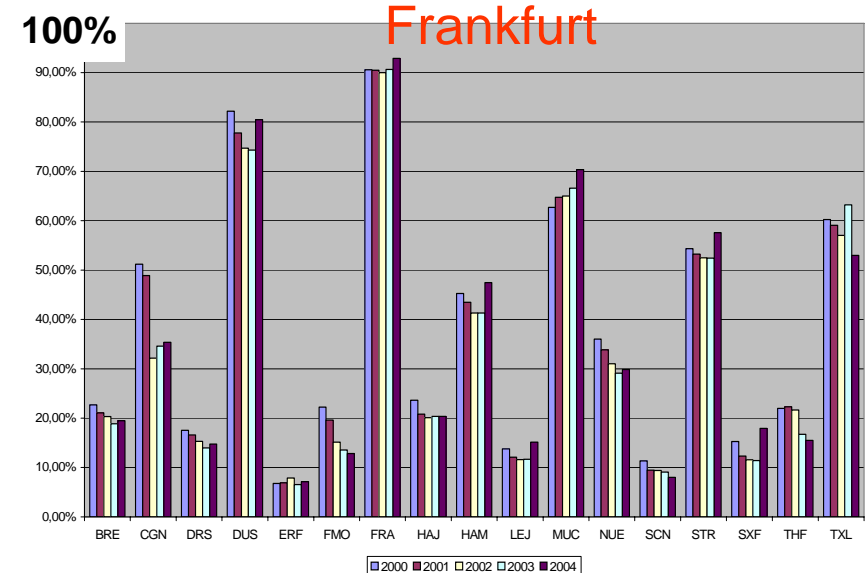


HCI: Problem of head down times under increasing traffic



Augmented Vision:
Integrating Far View and Data
for improving Situation
Awareness

✓ - direkter Kontakt innerhalb der letzten 3 Monate

Hohe Flughafen-Dichte
in Deutschland

Average Capacity Usage at large German Airports

To meet capacity problems and request of low cost carriers:

Provide cost effective controlled airspace to Regional Airports via Remote Tower Operation (RTO).
Example:
Leipzig – Erfurt, L. - Altenburg

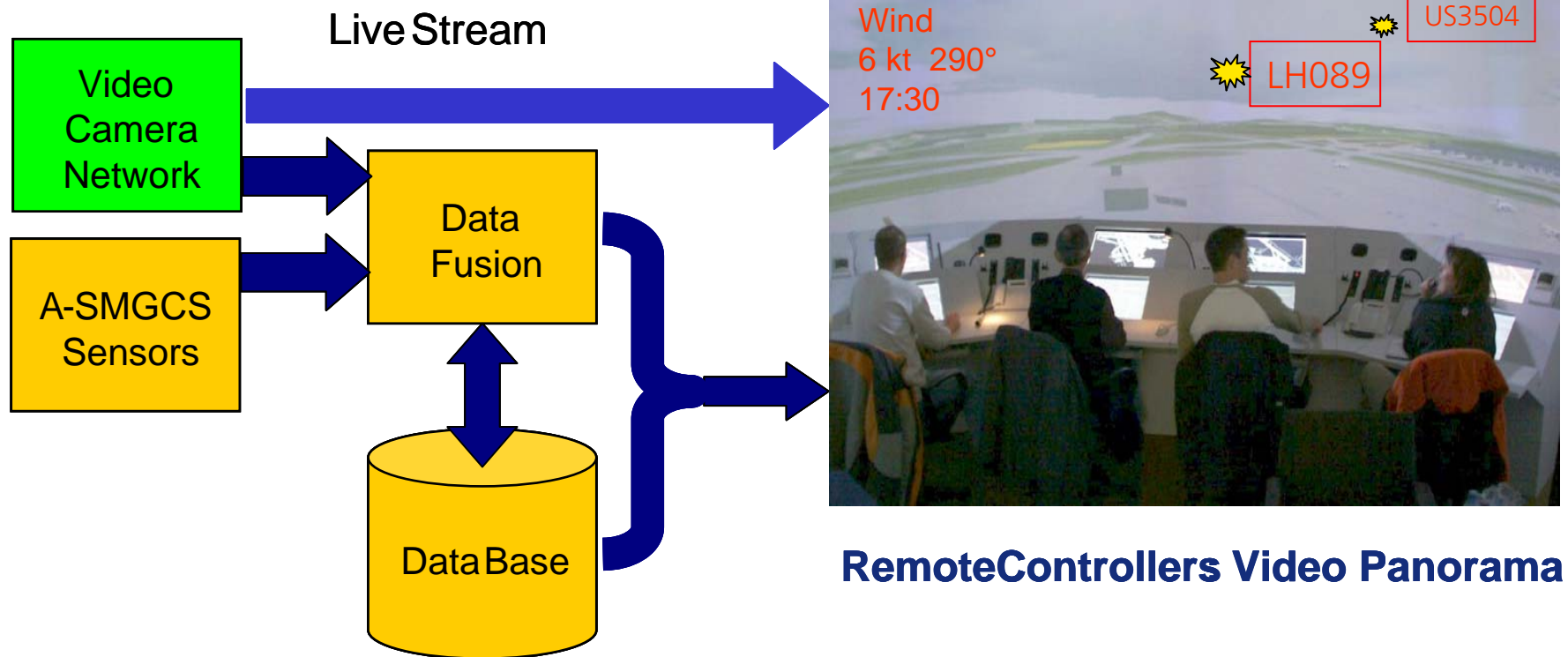
Virtual Tower / Remote Tower Operation RTO



ACCES
as experimental RTO - HMI



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ViTo / RTO – Concept.

Augmented Vision – Video Panorama with integrated Flight Data

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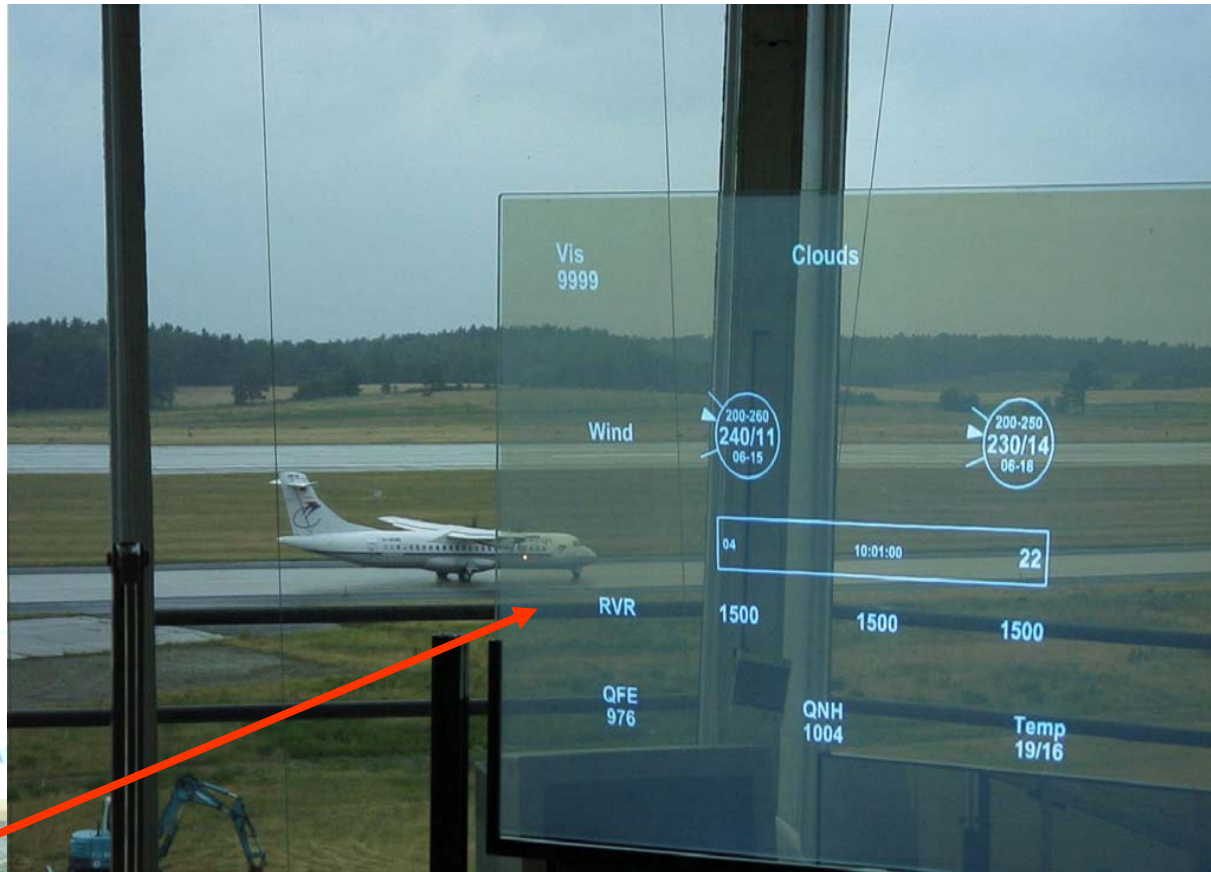
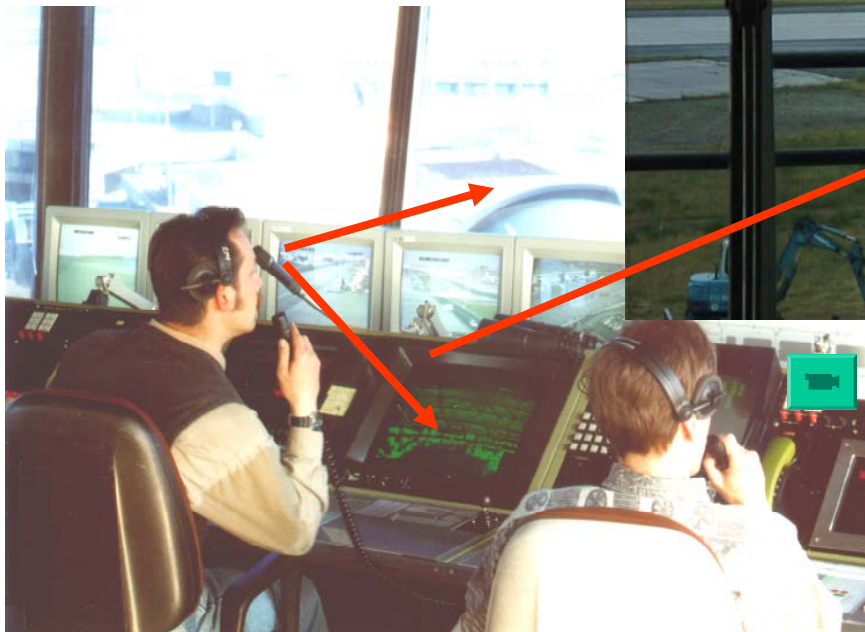
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Augmented Tower Vision ATV

reducing
head down times
and
weather dependence



Holographic Transparent Projection:
Weather Display TWR Dresden
[2003]

Head Down Time Reduction ! \Leftarrow

Decrease of Reaction Times !? \Leftarrow



Problems:
Spontaneous Perception Switching

Binocular Rivalry / Cognitive Multistability

[Peli1990][Laramé 2000][USAARL Rep.#2002-2]

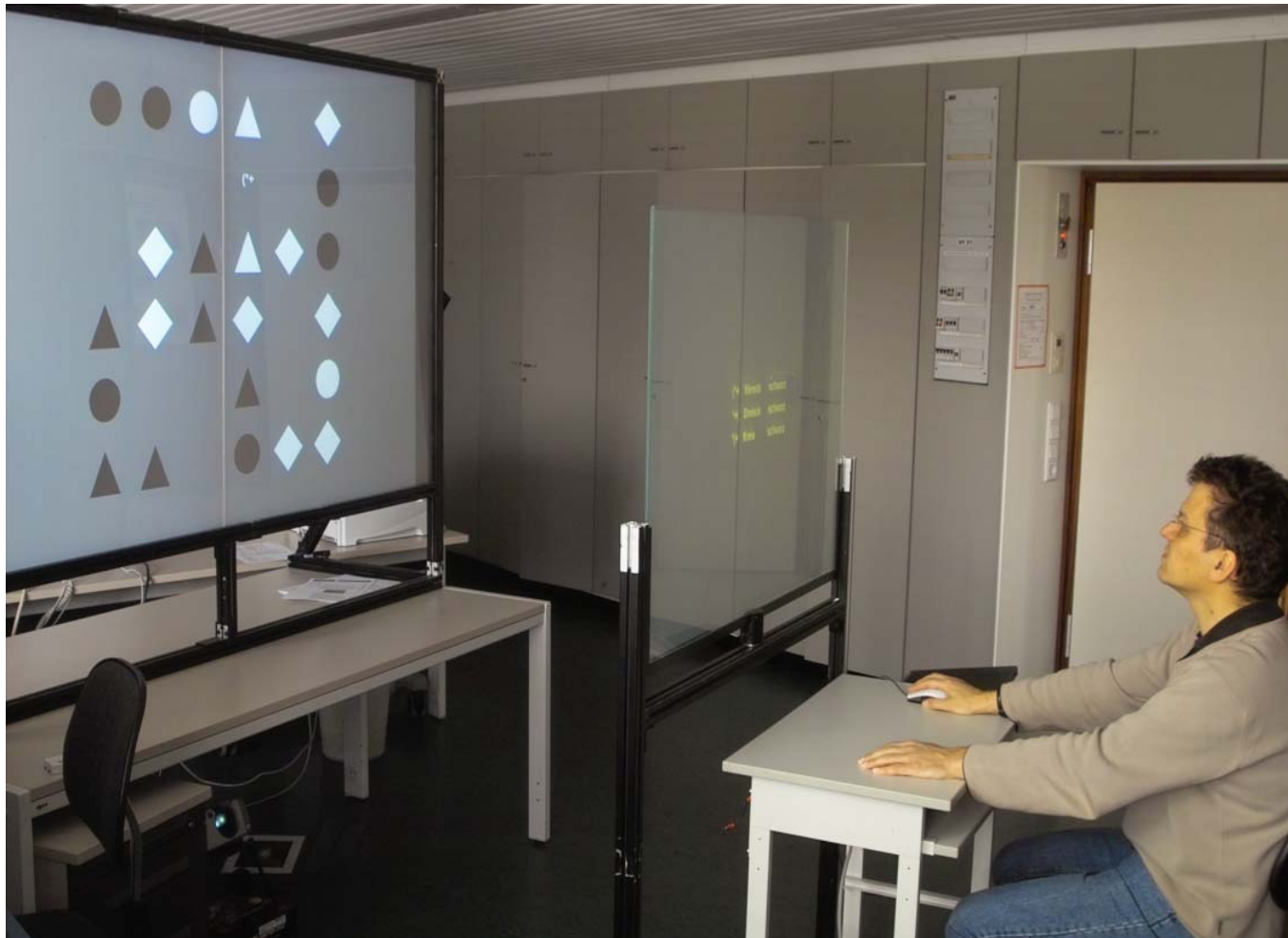
\Rightarrow **Experiments and Cognitive Models**

Augmented Tower Vision

TYR1806
DEP RWY 28 / 16
Wind 300°
5 kt 08:47



Test of Laser Retinal Scanning Display (RSD) at Frankfurt Airport Tower (2/03).



Augmented Vision Response Times with holographic Projektion Display

[Fürstenau, Rudolph, Schmidt, Lorenz, Albrecht: HPSAII Conf., Daytona Beach, 3/2004]

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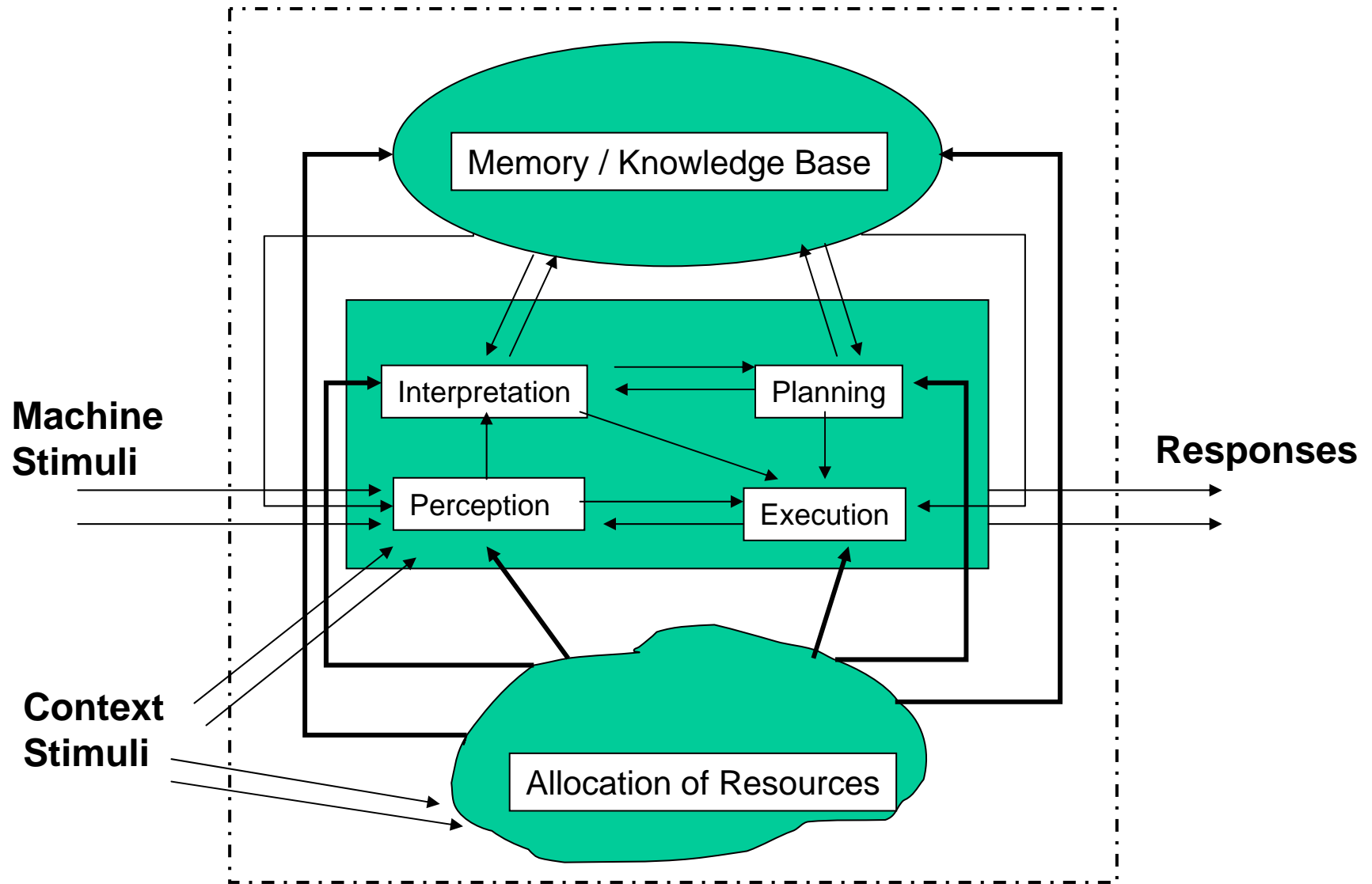
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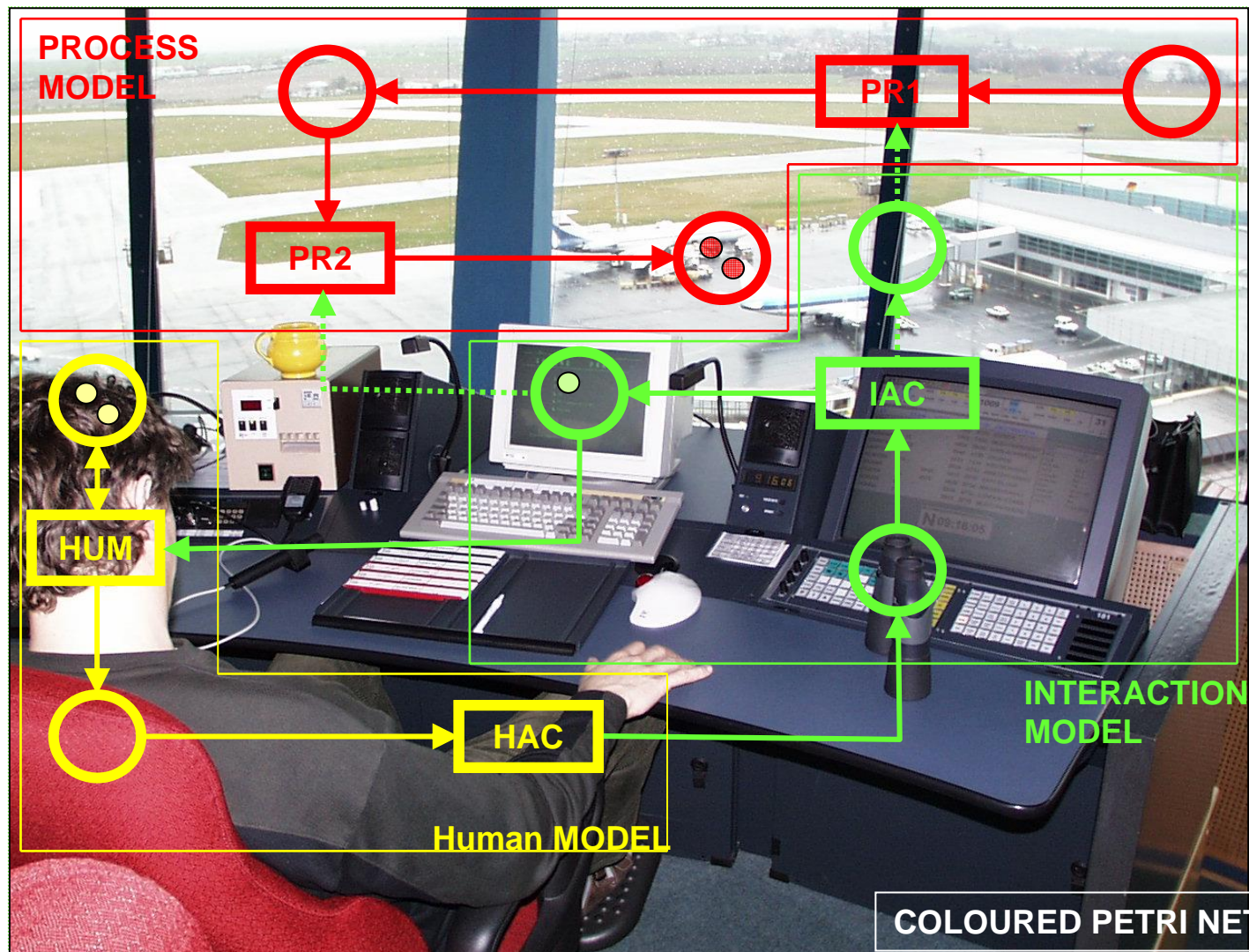
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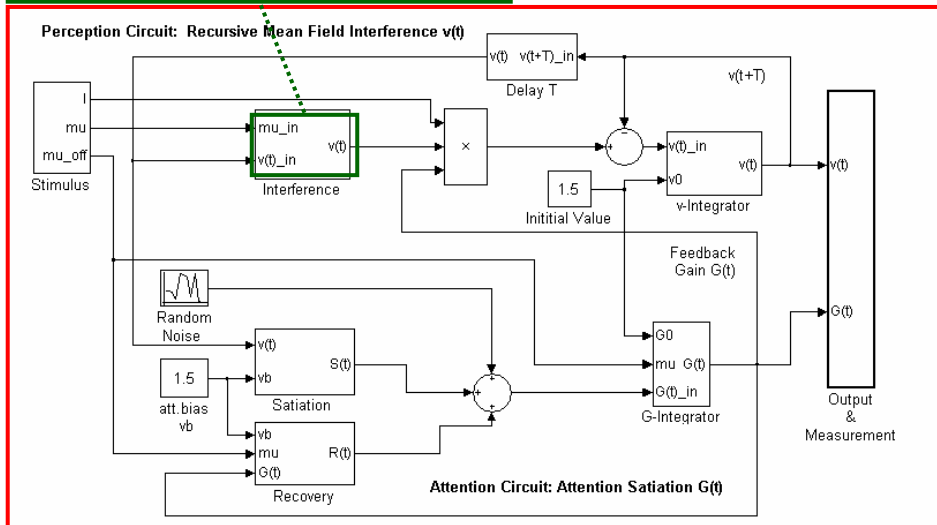
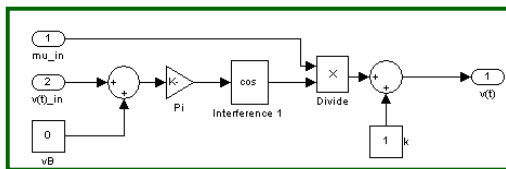
**Supporting HMI Design by Cognitive Modeling & Simulation of Work Process using
Resource based Cognitive Architecture [Cacciabue 99] [B. Werther 2002-05]**



Process, Interaction & Operator Cognitive Work Model with Design – CPN

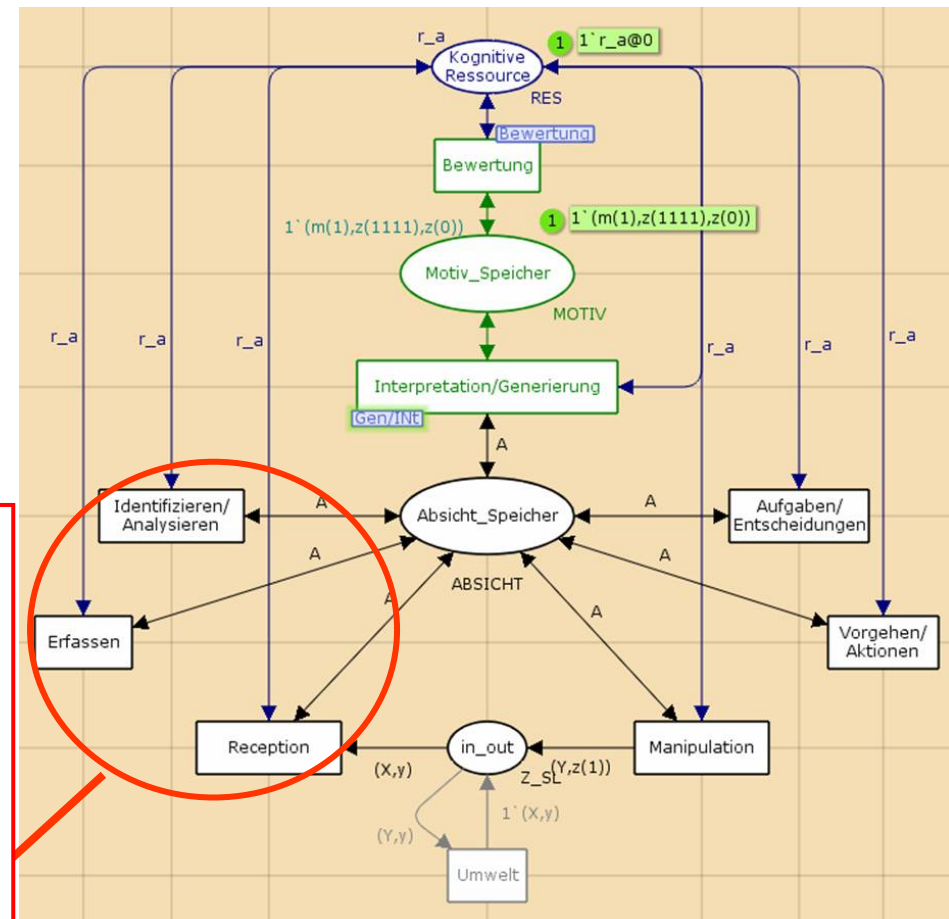
[B. Werther, PhD Dissertation 2005]

Ambiguous Visual Stimuli



Nonlinear Dynamics Attention - Perception Model (tool: Matlab – Simulink) [Fürstenau 2002 – 05]

Cognition based Decision Making



Petrinet Cognitive Ressource Model (tool: Design-CPN) Werther 2002-05]

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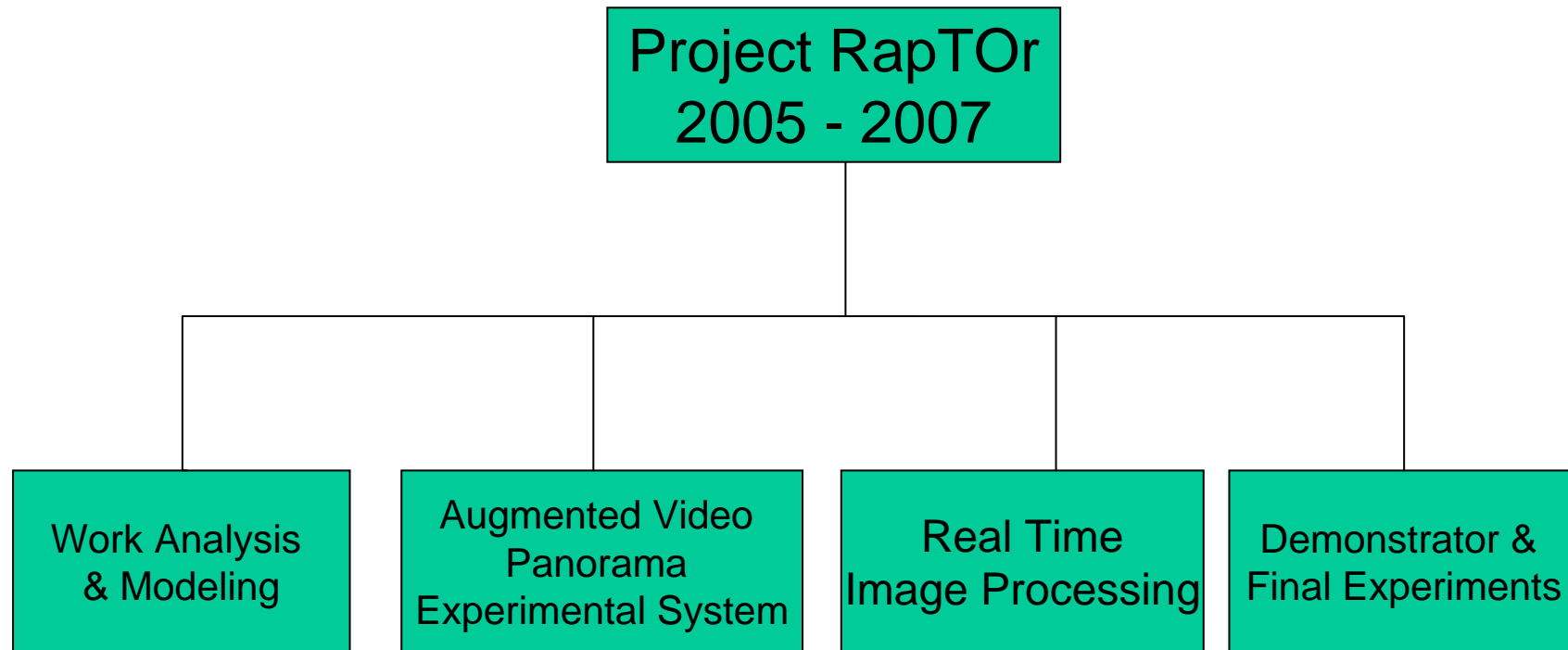
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Budget: 2.5 M€

Effort: 20 PY

Participation: DLR Inst. of Flight Guidance

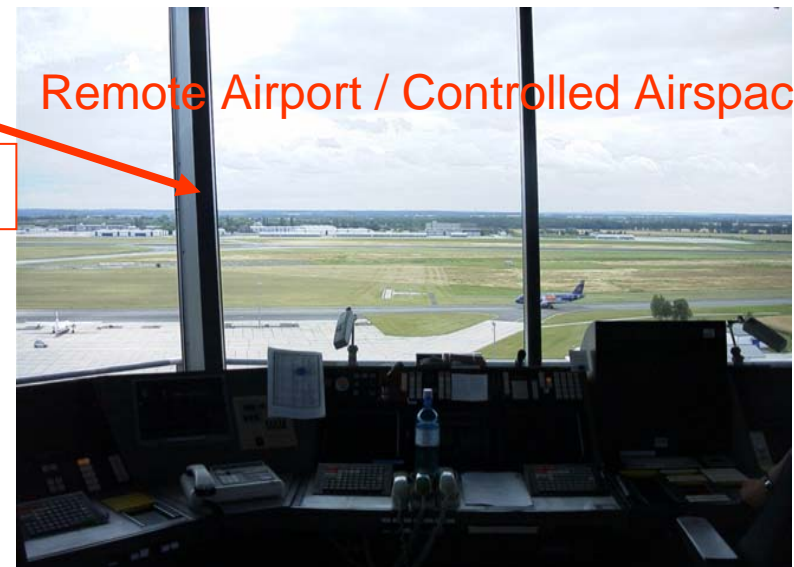
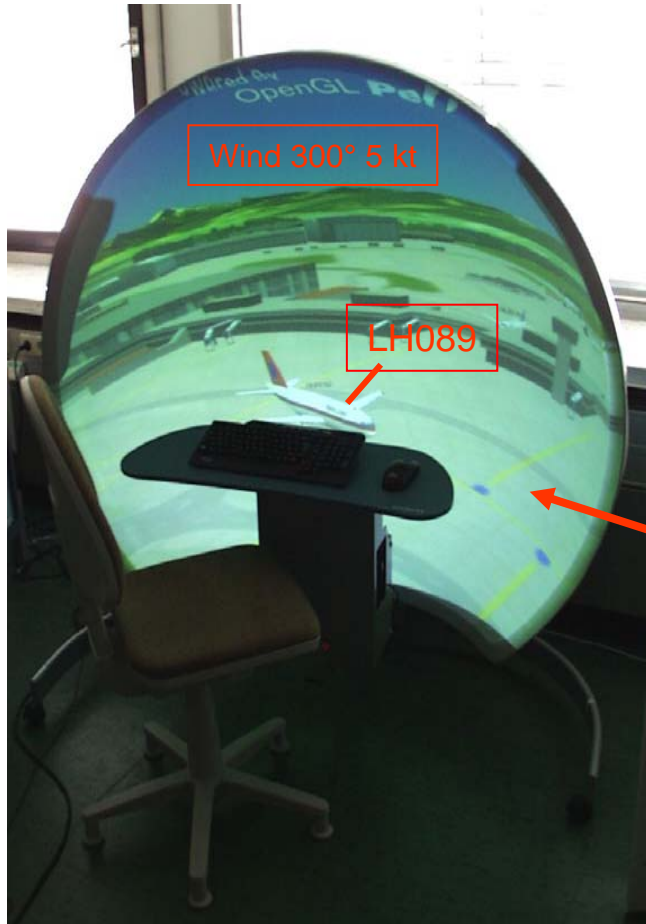
Inst. of Traffic Systems

Unit Optical Information Systems

Cooperation: German Air Traffic Control (DFS) / Tower GmbH

(Cognitive) Task & Work Analysis [Vicente 1999]

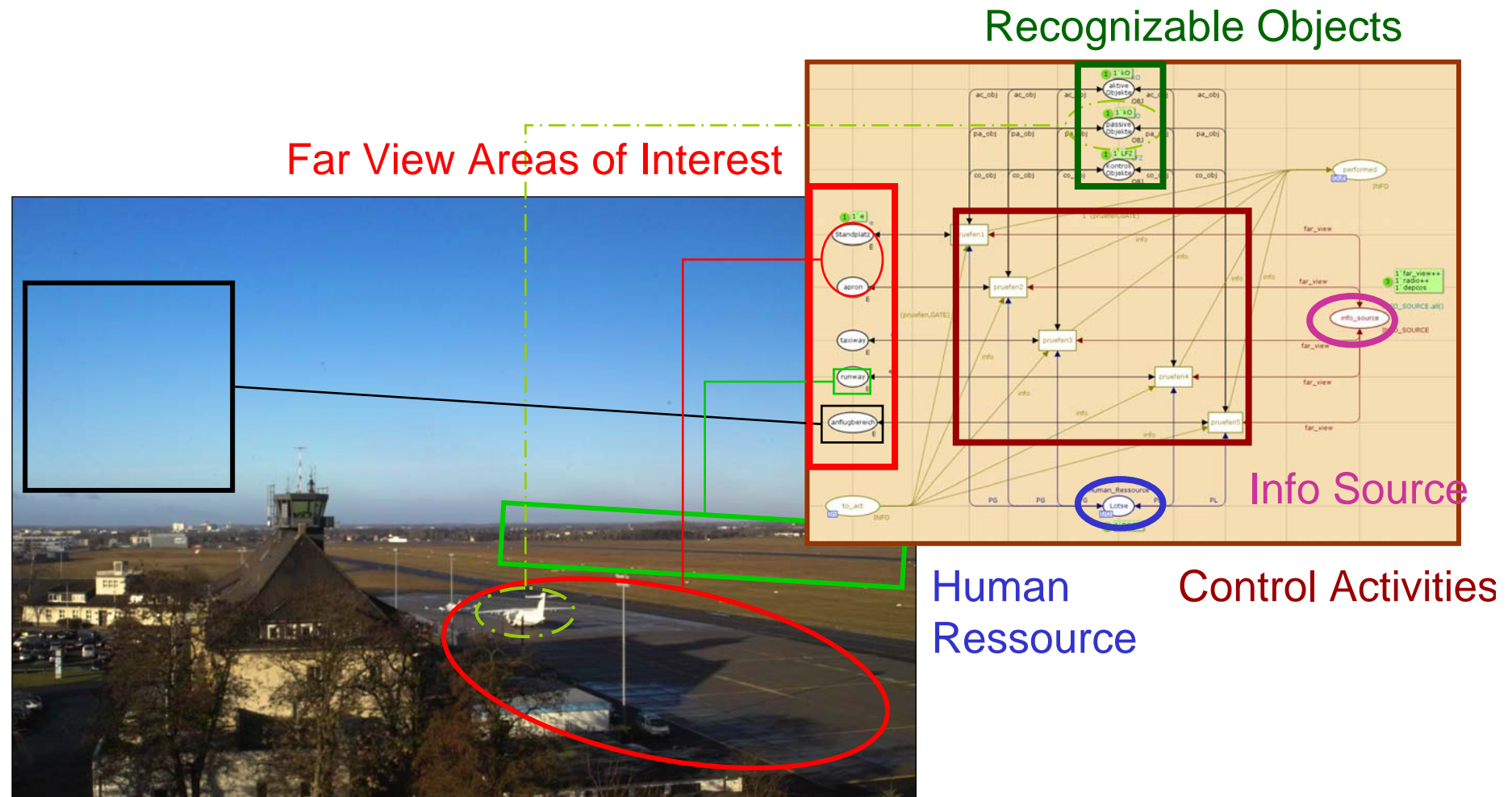
- Work Domain Analysis
- Control Task Analysis
- Strategy Analysis
- Analysis of Social Organisation und Cooperation
- Operator – Competency Analysis



**RTO Controller Workplace within
Remote TWR: Augmented Vision Video
Panorama**

Analysis & Design of Information Sources (HMI) using Petri Net Model (Replacement of Far View by Videopanorama & Augmented Vision)

[B.Werther 2005]



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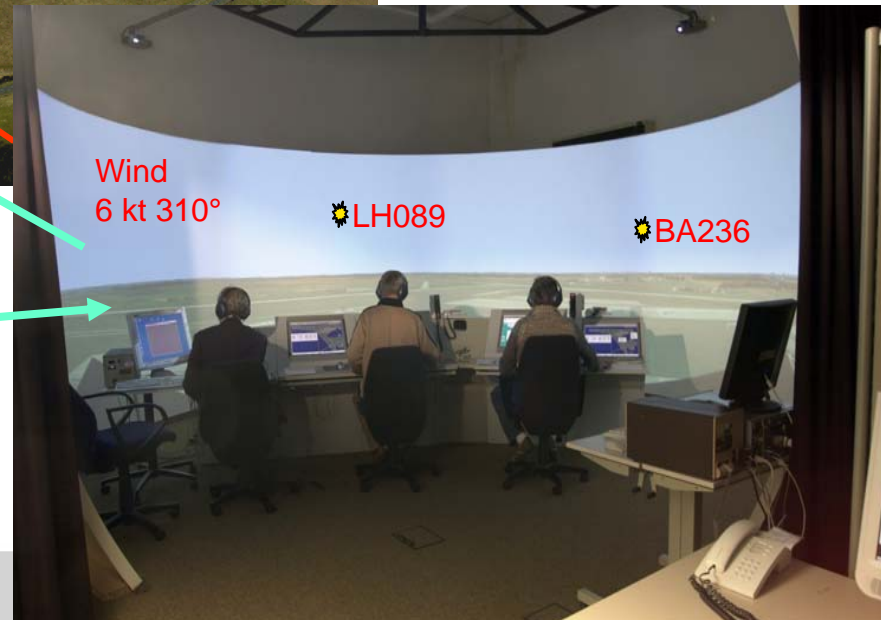
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Augmented Video Panorama System at Braunschweig Airport

- ▶ Video system for panorama and image processing
- ▶ Gbit/s - Fibre optic LAN
- ▶ Experimental Augmented Vision HMI





High resolution panorama
camera system showing section
with Braunschweig Tower and
west part of airport



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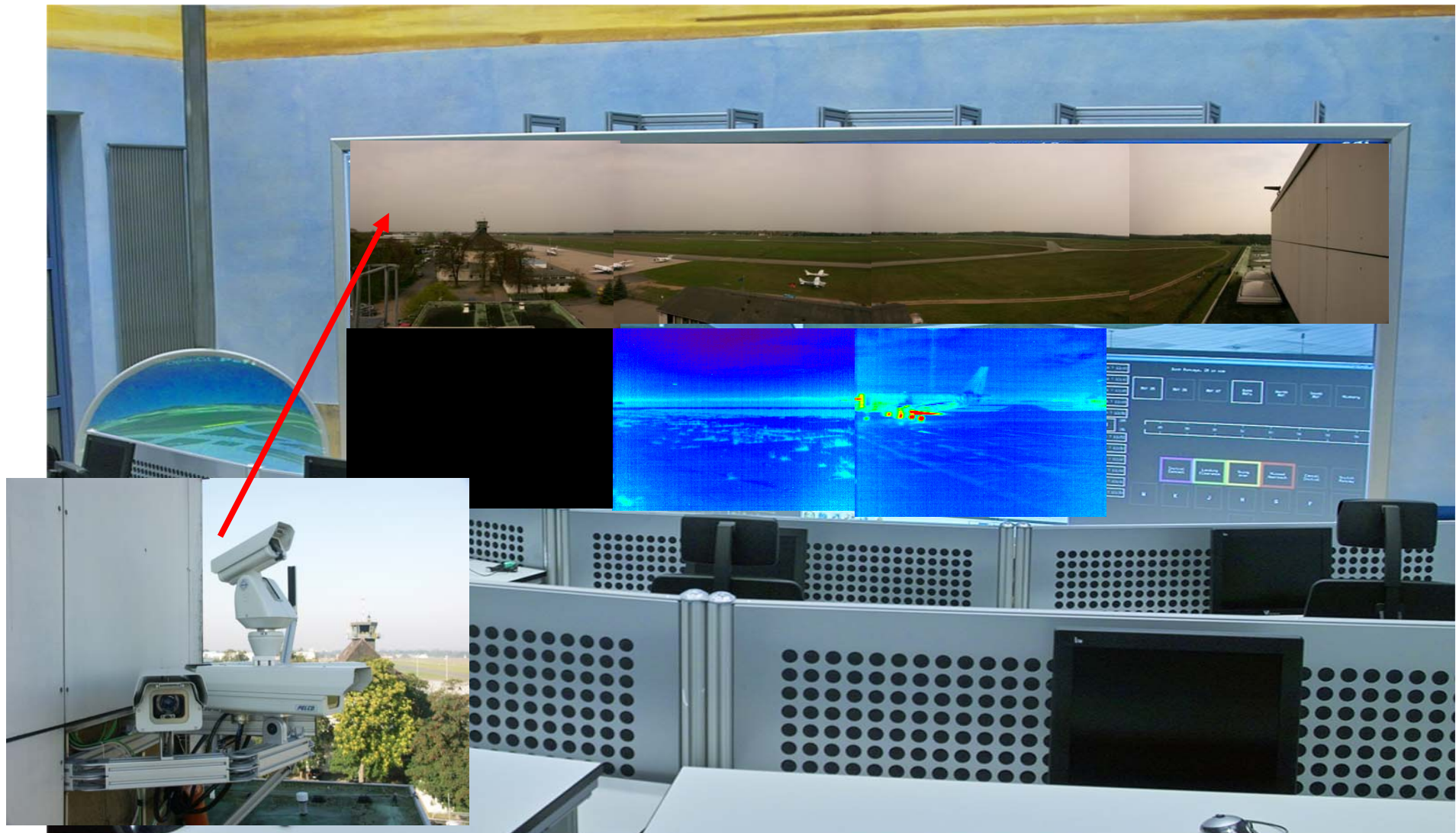


RTO visualization: Lab system for hard-/software development & ATV design

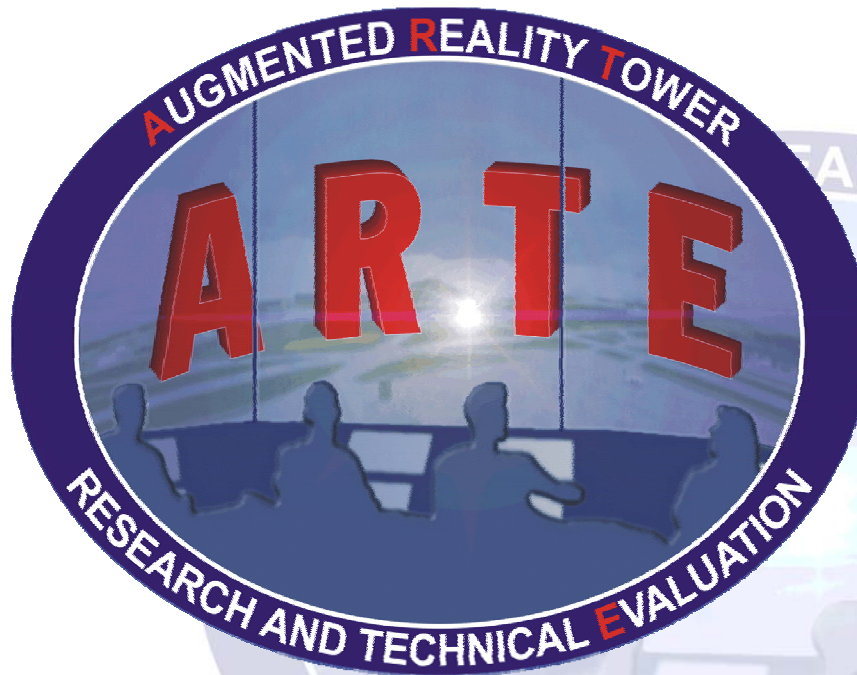


RTO Visualisation System with DLR TWR Simulator (6x SXGA(1280x1024))

Control Center Simulator: RTO Panorama Projection (5120 x 2048 Pixel)



Proposed EC Project 2006 – 2008:



STREP-FP-6 Proposal # 030761

Effort: 588 PM

Budget: 7.7 MEuro

Partners

- Industries
 - SELEX-SISTEMI (AMS, Coordinator) (I)
 - Oerlikon Contraves (I)
- Universities
 - Tor Vergata University (I)
 - Genova University (I)
- Research LABs
 - DLR (D)
 - FhG-HHI (D)
 - PIT Telecom Res. (PL)
 - SICTA LAB (I)
- ANSP
 - ENAV (I)
 - HCAA (GR)
- SME
 - ASIS (D)
 - Deep Blue (I)
 - Sector (GR)
 - TAW (I)

Augmented Reality Tower Research & Technical Evaluation at Malpensa/I



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